

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

SEA Guidance for mileage reimbursement

During the 2007 Homeless Education Conference, the Office of Homeless Education at MDE was asked to provide guidelines for local homeless education liaisons to use in determining the cost of mileage for transporting homeless students.

The mileage rate of \$.485 per mile is a recommendation only. The rate (\$.485) is the U.S. Government's rate that includes mileage and use of the vehicle.

The mileage rate issue is a local school district decision. The exact rate that individual districts pay for transporting homeless students may vary depending on the specific circumstances. The criteria should be such that it does not act as a barrier to the student in his/her efforts to attend school.

Included in the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Toolkit, that was distributed to all local liaisons by email last month, on page 39 and again in Section H, local liaisons will find some tips on working towards collaborative partnerships to enhance transportation efforts.

Finally, please use the Wikispaces (<http://mdehomelessed.wikispaces.com/>) to let us know what your school district reimbursement rate is for mileage and to share your creative efforts to provide transportation. We will compile this information and send you an analysis of what local districts around the state are doing to address this issue.